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SPLIT SELVES

Lent starts on Valentine's Day this year; somehow, it just seems odd to put on ashes and then eat chocolate hearts, so we're going to be combining the Ash Wednesday service with the first Sunday of Lent on Feb. 18 instead. Because there's something about going into a time of discipline with a split heart that just doesn't feel right. Valentine's Day-the day of love and warmth and intimacy; Ash Wednesday, when we are reminded that "dust we are, and to dust we shall return." It's like trying to sing two different songs at the same time; it doesn't work.

But how many times are we called upon to do just that? To rejoice with the new parents, and then go to the hospice where our own parents are dying? To celebrate our spouse's birthday when we've just been given notice? I often find that Good Friday turns out to be a gorgeous Spring day, where the very idea of doing anything other than rejoicing in new life seems impossible- and yet we're told to mourn the execution of Jesus on the cross. It's hard, but not unusual to have to split ourselves like this, in order to be present to two different realities.

I wish I had some great tips on how to pull this off (spoiler alert: I don't.) But I

do take some comfort in knowing that in the midst of all the turmoil and turmoil of our split lives, there is One who waits in the stillness for us, holding us to bind these split selves together. Isaiah 30:15 puts it like this: "In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength..." Lord, hold us together when our lives are running in different directions, for in You alone are we whole.

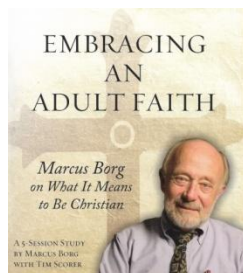
In Christ's love,
 Pastor Hawkins

LENTEN SOUP & STUDY 6:30-8:00PM

Thursdays, Feb. 22-March 22

This Lent, we'll be discussing a video series called "Embracing An Adult Faith: What It Means To Be Christian" by Marcus Borg. Beyond the Sunday School training of our youth, what does an adult faith do with God? Jesus? Salvation? Christian Practice? Christian Community? These are the 5 topics we'll be exploring Thursdays from Feb. 22-March 22. A light soup supper will be served from 6:30-7:00pm; our discussion will go from 7:00-8:00pm.

Volunteers needed to make soup and bring bread for the sessions! Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.



The Messenger

February 2018

February at a glance...

Choir rehearsals: Mondays at 5:30 PM and Sundays at 8:15 AM- attend one or both!

Feb. 4 Luke 2:22-40

"If we had only known . . ."

Guest Preacher: Jeanne Phelan

Prayers for Christine Lang & the Langreder family

- Holy Communion
- **Super Bowl!** Bring donations for the KM Food Pantry & place them in one of the boxes decorated for the two Super Bowl teams!
- **Scout Sunday!** Scouts will participate in worship.
- Place SCRIP orders
- Tues, Feb. 6: No Bible Study
- Pastor Nansi attending a Pastor's Conference, returning Feb. 8

Feb. 11 Mark 9:2-10

The Face Of Mystery

Prayers for the Laur family & Sharon Logemann

- Tues, Feb. 13: Bible Study, 10-11 AM
- Wed, Feb. 14: Fellowship meeting, 1-3 PM (Ash Wed. service on Feb. 18)

Feb. 18 Psalm 25:1-10

In You Do I Trust

Prayers for the Lui & Marheine families

- First Sunday of Lent; Ashes observed
- 10:45am- Council
- Tues, Feb. 20: Bible Study, 10-11 AM
- Mon-Fri, Feb. 19-23: Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals

Feb. 25 Mark 9:14-29

I Believe; Help My Unbelief

Prayers for the Mayer & McGraw families

- Second Sunday of Lent
- 8:00 AM: Social Concerns meeting
- Tues, Feb. 27: Bible Study, 10-11 AM

February Committees

Communion Preparation for February 4: Renee Obenberger

Communion Assistants: Ashley Bonestroo & Stephen Turley

Coffee Hour Committee for February: Sharon Logemann, Auk Bearda, Phelps family, Sharon Perez

Church Cleaning Team: Sharon Logemann, Joanne Szymanski, Shirlene Hazelberg (2nd half of month) & the students from Genesee Lake School

	Greeters	Ushers	Scripture Readers
4	Pakula/Schultz Family	Debbie Morgan/ Kristen Voskuil	Gary Phelps
11	Mary Edwards	Auk Bearda/ Kristen Voskuil	Kristen Voskuil
18	Frieda Goetsch	Mary Branson/ Michael Clark	Marian Speerless
25	Carol Pfalz	Sue & Tom Stelling	Ashley Bonestroo



Mike Alaimo	3	John Lui	16
Sharon Logemann	6	Mary Edwards	24
Stacy Szymanski	10	Donna Newland	25
Kelvin Hazelberg	11	Sue Pakula	25
Aurynn Stack-Vaughn	12	Jeannie Phelan	26
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Young Disciples

February is a BIG month for Sunday School. **Feb 4th** is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, we will be collecting food for the food pantry, counting the amount, and announcing the amount for the congregation. Feb 4 is also our **SCOUT SUNDAY**, the girl scouts, cub scouts, and boy scouts will participate in church service and receive a special patch for participating, please let Peggy know if your child/grandchild/friend will be participating.



Scout Sunday Feb. 4

Starting Feb 11, the kids will be filming their new movie about Daniel and the Lion's Den!! We need as many kids young and old for this fun time while learning

about Strength, Courage, and Humility. Filming will continue through February.



Monthly Movie Series will continue on Friday Feb 2nd at 6:30 PM, the movie will be "The Wizard of Oz!" BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!



Adult Opportunities

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10am!

We're exploring the lives of King Saul and King David, to try to get a better hold on that part of our faith's history. Come one, come all! Coffee is hot, and the conversation is lively! No previous Bible experience needed.

Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, February 6.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 4



tacklehunger.org

It's our annual event where we gather non-perishable cans of soup, etc. for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry and have a competition, placing our donations in boxes decorated for the football team we're supporting in the Super Bowl (if anyone cares!!). Pick up some extra non-perishables before February 4th and

help those who are less fortunate stretch their grocery dollars. Our kids will count the donations during the worship service and give us a report on who won!! (Decorated boxes for your donations will be at the front of the Sanctuary on the 4th.)

Suggestion...since we're in cold winter weather, we need soups, stews, hot cereal and other cold weather foods for the food pantry.



Outreach AND Mission



Stewardship

To discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: "In the

beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

The biblical doctrine of stewardship defines our relationship to God. It identifies God as owner and us as managers. God makes us co-workers in administering all aspects of our lives. The apostle Paul explains it best by saying, "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). Starting with this concept, we are then able to accurately view and correctly value not only our possessions, but, more importantly, human life itself. Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is God's method of bestowing rich gifts upon us.

Stewardship defines our practical obedience in the administration of everything under our control, everything entrusted to us. It is the consecration of one's self and possessions to God's service. Stewardship acknowledges in practice that we do not have the right of control over ourselves or our property—God has that control. It means as stewards of God we are managers of that which belongs to God, and we are under God's constant authority as we administer God's affairs. Faithful stewardship means that we fully acknowledge we are not our own but belong to Christ.

Excerpt from: GotQuestions.org

**There's a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in.
-Leonard Cohen**



Our February meeting will fall on Valentine's Day!! Join us in fellowship hall from 1-3 PM. Sharon Logemann and Donna Newland will be the hostesses.



Singing Bowl for FEBRUARY...

In February we continue collecting scholarship funds so our kids can go to Church Camp this summer!

MISSIONS OF EMMANUEL



We had a wonderful group of volunteers for our Family Promise hosting in January.

Thank you all for making our week a great success. We had a nice group of tuests. We're happy to share that our year-end matching funds campaign raised \$60,000 for our Family Promise program.

See you again in April!

Foyer Collections Foyer Collections

The kiosk in the church foyer has drawers labeled for different things we collect on an

ongoing basis. It's a great way to get rid of unneeded items and help out at the same time:

- Grocery receipts from Albrecht's Sentry store in Delafield. We receive a rebate of the total receipts we submit. Those rebates help our bottom line!
- Empty printer ink cartridges either go to Dousman Elementary or are turned in at Office Max to earn credit for any Emmanuel purchases.
- First Aid items/new toothbrushes/OTC pain meds (unopened) are given to the Free Clinic in Oconomowoc.
- Used cellphones and chargers are sold on eBay with proceeds benefiting our bottom line.
- Used eye glasses are given to the Dousman Lions Club: throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

Also located in the foyer is our Food Pantry Bin. The first Sunday of each month is the designated day to bring donations of non-perishables & paper products for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. THANK YOU to Sharon Perez who faithfully loads your donations into her vehicle each month and takes them to the Pantry.



Order SCRIP February 4th

Your participation in the SCRIP program benefits Emmanuel. There are hundreds of retailers to choose from in the Great Lakes Scrip Program. You pay face value for each card and Emmanuel earns a percentage of each card purchased. Use Scrip to purchase groceries, gas, eat at restaurants, etc. Orders are taken the first Sunday of the month and delivered to you the following Sunday. Check the kiosk in the Gathering Area for a list of Scrip retailers.

Congregational Care Gift Cards

Aldi now offers gift cards, so in an effort to have the grocery cards go further for those we are helping, rather than purchase Pick n Save or Roundy's SCRIP gift cards for the Congregational Care Ministry, please purchase \$25 Walmart (through the SCRIP program) or \$25 Aldi's gift cards (purchase at an Aldi store). Gas cards (Kwik Trip) \$25) are also appreciated. All Congregational Care gift cards go to Pastor Nansi...THANK YOU!

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THANK YOU Meals Drivers

We want to issue a special THANK YOU to those who have stepped up to help with Dousman Meals during these months when many of our regular drivers are gone to warmer climates! Thank you Corrine Mayer, Pastor Nansi, Frieda Goetsch, Jan & Jim McGraw and Jo Quaden! We are blessed to add them to the list of regulars: Shirlene Hazelberg, Auk Bearda, Sue Stelling, Sharon Logemann, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Kathy Thompson (from the Dousman community), Kris Davidson, Francine Langlais & Ron Blaschuk, Mary Opiela (from the community), Charlotte Voigt & Kathy Zebrowski. You all are a blessing!

ADVERTISE OUR CHURCH FOR FREE!



Have you **LIKED** Emmanuel's FB page? By doing this, information posted will appear on your timeline. You can help our church become better known by hitting the **SHARE** button when you see Emmanuel posts. **Share to your own timeline** and this will enable all of your FB friends to see our posts, thus increasing our visibility! The more people will know about our church....so Like and Share away!!



SAVE aluminum (cans and other), brass, copper

Place your donations (in plastic bags) in front of the garage. Ron Blaschuk and Tom Stelling are kind enough to take them in for recycling, which benefits

Does Facebook scare you? We will provide instruction on the safe use of Facebook (proper privacy settings, etc.), how to 'Like' and 'Share' Emmanuel's posts and answer any questions you may have. Speak to Peggy Hazelberg if you would like to take advantage of this service.

Treasurer's Report for December 2017

PLEGGED Income received

(December 2017)	\$7,992.49
(December 2016)	\$9,174.00
Difference	(\$1,181.51)
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received	
(December 2017)	\$1,744.00
(December 2016)	\$2,757.00
Difference	(\$1,013.00)
Total INCOME for (December 2017) *	\$19,738.52
Total INCOME for (December 2016)	\$16,964.60
Difference	\$2,773.92
Total EXPENSE for (December 2017)	\$12,725.69
Total EXPENSE for (December 2016)	\$14,593.62
Difference	(\$1,867.93)

Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$5,402.03
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$8,809.02
Difference	(\$3,406.99)

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received that are designated funds for:

Singing Bowl	\$107.52
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$592.50
SCRIP sales	\$2,020.00
Campital Campaign	\$22.00

RBC Investment Account Growth for December 2017	\$2,107.62
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The format of this report was changed to give a complete picture of Emmanuel's monthly finances. Last year's figures for the same time period are included to allow you to have a comparison of the picture at a glance. Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski (262-646-8882).



- ♥ Our church cleaners for January: Jan & Jim McGraw and Corrine Mayer.
- ♥ The Choir and Jim Langreder for performing a BEAUTIFUL cantata on Christmas Eve....THANK YOU for all the time and effort!!
- ♥ John Lui, Mike Alaimo Mike Laur and Gary Phelps for shoveling in December and January.

- ♥ Everyone who donated and made food and helped with the activities for Wake Up With God.
- ♥ Jere Marheine & Tom Stelling for repairing the outdoor sign lighting and installing new exit lights & batteries for the light.



Ongoing Prayers: Judy Stanek, Jeanette Collins, Ann & Bill Carpenter; Gregg Jarrett; Erin Harmann; those dealing with cancer: Marian & Stephen's dog, Lily; Jan Wilson, Sam Murray's aunt, Char; Laurie Buckett's niece, Sharon; Jeannie Phelan's brother-in-law, Connie; Charlotte Voigt's sister, Marguerite; Rev. Dick Hawkins' brother-in-law, Arthur; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Pastor Nansi's friend Bonnie.



Looking Ahead to MARCH

Worship & Church School each Sunday at 9:30am
Nursery Care Provided

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| Sun. | 4 | Holy Communion/Souper Bowl Sunday/Order Scrip
CHURCH CAMP SUNDAY! Glenn Svetnicka will be stirring us up with visions of summer camping (and warm weather!) It's getting to be time to register for church camp. If your kids could use a scholarship in order to go, just ask Pastor Hawkins (965-2429) or Donna (965-4022). |
| Mons. | Each | Choir rehearsal, 6 PM |
| Sun. | 11 | One Great Hour of Sharing special UCC mission offering |
| Wed. | 14 | Adult Fellowship meeting, 1-3 PM |
| Sun. | 18 | Worship Brunch!
Remember how much fun the Holly Brunch was in December, when we combined breakfast with worship? We'll be doing the same thing on March 18, 9:30am: Breakfast first, followed by worship in Fellowship Hall. BRING YOUR BEST BREAKFAST POTLUCK!!! Sign-up in the Gathering Area. |
| Mon. | 19 | Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 1:30-5:30 PM |
| M-F | 19-23 | Emmanuel delivers the Dousman Area Home Meals |
| Sun. | 25 | Palm Sunday |
| Thurs. | 29 | Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM |
| Fri. | 30 | Good Friday Ecumenical Service at 3 Pillars Ewald Chapel 10 AM |



Emmanuel's Directory of Services

If you have a service to be published, please contact Donna, 262-965-4022 or office@seeyouonsunday.org.

Service	Emmanuel Contact	Company Name	Telephone Number & Website
Automobile sales & service	John Quaden Sr. & Jr.	Quaden Motors	262-367-2646 262-567-4408 quadenmotors.com
CPR & First Aid Training	Adam & Nikki Fritsch	APHE LLC	414-791-5018 www.aphed.com info@aphed.com
Computer training & tech support	Michael Clark		608-213-0478 techsupportrus@tds.net
Gluten-free Bakery	Mary Branson	Wheat Free Treats	567-1493
Marketing	Christy Lui	Marketing on Demand	262-567-5662 modinternetmarketing.com
Massage Therapy	Mary Branson	4 Rivers Center for Well Being	567-1493
Nursing Services (dressing changes, BP & vital sign checks, injections, set up of meds, calling drs., etc.)	Francine Langlais (registered nurse)		262-965-5509
Teaching Tools & Anti-Bullying Products	Marian Speerless	Mmm-Read, LLC	262-493-8087 mmmread.com
Tree Service	Pat & Mike Doering	Bark River Tree Service	262-646-3735 barkrivertree.com



Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

Dear Emmanuel United Church of Christ,

Thank you for generously contributing food to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry, **3 bags of food during the holiday months!** The mission of the food pantry is to create a respectful, caring, and compassionate environment for clients, volunteers, donors, and all involved in serving the residents of the Kettle Moraine School District.

This past year we distributed over 102,600 pounds of food, which meant that we were able to serve more than 1,026 households consisting of 1,569 adults and 1,146 children within the Kettle Moraine School District.

Sometimes it doesn't seem like a few cans of soup or beans could make much of a difference in the community, but it means the world to those who cannot afford to feed their families. Your contribution was vital in attaining our goal and we greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Jolene Johnson Van Den Elzen

Jolene M Johnson Van Den Elzen, Director

Thank you!

**Emmanuel kids love starting out the new year enjoying
Wake Up With God Sunday!
(pictures from January 7th)**




THANK YOU to those who donated & made the food!





Worship & Nursery Care each Sunday at 9:30 AM

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